

## **KALAUPAPA LEPROSY SETTLEMENT (NPS)**

Molokai, Kalaupapa vicinity

This windswept peninsula on Molokai's northern coast was the site of a leper colony established in 1866 to curb an epidemic among native Hawaiians. Belgian priest Father Joseph Damien, "Martyr of Molokai," volunteered to minister here in 1873 and died a victim of the disease in 1889. The site, which includes Fr. Damien's Saint Philomena Church, became a National Historical Park in 1980.